

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 10, 17 and 18 are currently amended in the present amendment. Claims 3-7, 12-16 and 19 are canceled and new claims 20 and 21 are added in the present amendment.

The Applicant appreciates the Examiners renumbering claims 12-20 as 11-19, since there was no claim 11 originally presented with the application.

Claims 1-19 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,349,765. Applicant has amended claims 1, 10, 17 and 18 to overcome this rejection.

New claims 20 and 21 are added to more clearly define the invention and recite elements not in the original set of claims. In particular, claim 20 recites an integral relief and flow control valve and claim 21 recites a novel pressure tank design.

In view of the amendments and remarks presented above, the Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims. No new matter has been added to the application. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned in the event a telephone conference would be helpful in advancing prosecution of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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